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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR KHAR'S RETURN FROM U. S.

REF: STATE 043938 (NOTAL)

1. GOVERNOR KHAR AT KARACHI AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN MY PRESENCE EARLY A. M. MARCH 10 TOLD NEWSMEN HE WAS CARRYING INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO PRESIDENT BHUTTO TO VISIT U. S., THAT VISIT WILL DEFINITELY TAKE PLACE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT EXACT TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

2. KHAR TOLD PRESS HE WAS " COMPLETELY SATISFIED" WITH VISIT, WHICH HE TERMED " VERY SUCCESSFUL." ON THE POW ISSUE, HE SAID PRESIDENT NIXON WAS " VERY SYMPATHETIC" WITH PAKISTAN'S PROBLEM, VIEWED IT AS " HUMAN PROBLEM" AND SAID HE " WOULD DO ALL HE COULD TO HELP PAKISTAN." KHAR SAID HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED SYMPATHETIC HEARINGS ON POW ISSUE FROM HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES. KHAR DODGED QUESTION ON ARMS SUPPLY BY SAYING ALL MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WERE DISCUSSED, AND REPORTERS DID NOT PRESS ISSUE.

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3. FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE KHAR TOOK ME ASIDE, THANKED ME PROFUSELY FOR COMING TO AIRPORT AT INCONVENIENT HOUR AND ASSURED ME SEVERAL TIMES THAT HIS STATEMENT TO PRESS OF SATISFACTION WITH TRIP WERE NOT JUST FOR THE RECORD, BUT REPRESENTED HIS SINCERE FEELINGS. HE SAID HE WOULD COMMEND TO PRESIDENT BHUTTO WARMTH AND RESPONSIVENESS OF RECEPTION ACCORDED HIM ALL LEVELS WASHINGTON.

4. AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS WERE TOO LATE FOR SATURDAY MORNING PAPERS, BUT WILL BE COVERED ON RADIO BROADCAST, EVENING TV AND KARACHI' S RATHER SENSATIONAL AFTERNOON PRESS. FULLER COVERAGE MAY BE EXPECTED SUNDAY MORNING PRESS.

5. MEANWHILE SATURDAY MORNING KARACHI PAPERS CARRY WASHINGTON DATELINE ITEMS CITING ZIEGLER STATEMENT TO EFFECT U. S. POSITION ON ARMS FOR PAKISTAN AND INDIA UNCHANGED, AND QUOTING HIM AS SAYING, IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE BHUTTO VISIT TO U. S., THAT " THERE NO PLAN THAT I HAVE HEARD OF ALONG THOSE LINES." SATURDAY PAPERS ALSO CARRY RUETERS ITEM CITING " INFORMED SOURCES" WASHINGTON TO EFFECT U. S. " HAS PROMISED" PAKISTAN HELP IN SEEKING POW RETURN. ONE PAPER CARRIES WIRE SERVICE REPORT FROM WASHINGTON SAYING KHAR OUTLINED TO U. S. GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS PAKISTAN' S CONDITIONS FOR FORMAL RECOGNITION BANGLADESH AS FOLLOWS: REPATRIATION POW' S; ASSURANCES NO TRIALS OF WAR CRIMINALS OR COLLABORATORS WILL TAKE PLACE; PROTECTION OF BIHARIS; AND AGREEMENT ON DIVISION OF ASSETS.
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